



Proclamation

Presented to

Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access Program

WHEREAS, Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access Program was initially created by the State of Hawai'i in 1988 in response to public concerns regarding the increasing loss of access to trails and the threat of the loss of historic trails due to development pressures; and

WHEREAS, Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access Program manages and maintains over 100 miles of trails and access roads on O'ahu for public use, and provides access for conservation agencies that manage remote and fragile ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access Program educates the public about safe hiking practices in order to ensure a safe in and memorable experience on the trail; and

WHEREAS, Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access Program participates in national Trails Day, a nationwide day of public events aimed at raising public awareness and appreciation for America's trails, and the volunteers who maintain them, that is held annually on the first Saturday of June; and

WHEREAS, Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access Program, in partnership with the Honolulu Fire Department, State Civil Defense, Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club, the Sierra Club, and the University of Hawai'i Lyon Arboretum, will be hosting a public event for National Trails Day on June 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access Program is hosting the event on June 2, 2012, with the objective of promoting "Mountain Safety Awareness," and will include workshops, presentations, and activities providing useful information on safe mountain recreation practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 3 – 9, 2012, as

“MOUNTAIN SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in demonstrating our commitment to promoting safer hiking and enjoyment of our trails and access roads.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i this twenty-first day of May, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i